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INFO AMCONSUL KARACHI

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DEPT PASS NSF/OIP (DR. EDWARDS)

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SUBJ: NSF/SFCP - TRAVEL OF DR. EDWARDS TO PAKISTAN

REF: STATE 074628

1. WELCOME DR. EDWARDS VISIT. CURRENT INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT SCHEDULES INDICATE TEHRAN-KARACHI ROUTE SERVICED BY PIA, IRAN AIR AND AEROFLOT. NONE OF THESE AIRLINES HAVE FLIGHTS TO KARACHI ON SUNDAYS (APRIL 27). FLIGHTS INCLUDE PIA ON MONDAYS AND FRIDAYS (ETA 1230), IRAN AIR TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS (ETA 1200), AEROFLOT MONDAYS (ETA 0900). SUGGEST MODIFY TRAVEL PROGRAM AND ADVISE ASAP FIRM ETA PAKISTAN.

2. DOES DR. EDWARDS DESIRE VISIT WAPDA LAHORE? UNLESS VISIT TO GILGIT PREVIOUSLY ARRANGED THRU WAPDA, DOUBT SERIOUSLY IF THIS WOULD BE POSSIBLE DURING TIME AVAILABLE. SUGGEST INCLUDE A DAY FOR LAHORE.

3. PESHAWAR UNIVERSITY AND ITS CONSTITUENT DEPARTMENTS PRESENTLY CLOSED WITHOUT DEFINITE INDICATION OF REOPENING DATE. HOPEFULLY THESE WILL BE OPEN WHEN DR. EDWARDS VISITS. UNIVERSITY'S ACTING VC IS SAHIBZADA M. ZUBAIR, PRINCIPAL ISLAMIA COLLEGE, PESHAWAR. SUGGEST LEAVE PESHAWAR VISIT OPEN UNTIL AFTER ARRIVAL PAKISTAN.

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RM SUGGEST TENTATIVELY ALLOCATE ONE DAY FOR KARACHI, ONE DAY FOR LAHORE, TWO DAYS FOR ISLAMABAD AND ONE DAY FOR PESHAWAR. MAY 1 (LABOR DAY) IS PAKISTANI HOLIDAY.

5. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP DETAILED ITINERARY TO EMBASSY WITH INFO CONGEN, KARACHI, LAHORE AND PESHAWAR. POSTS WILL MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR APPOINTMENTS AND ACCOMMODATION ETC. IN THEIR AREAS AS REQUESTED. KARACHI WILL ADDITIONALLY ARRANGE RESERVATIONS FOR DOMESTIC TRAVEL.

FOR LAHORE AND KARACHI: EMBASSY REQUESTS YOU MAKE ARRANGEMENTS AS INDICATED ABOVE.
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